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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

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Darrel Johnson: "Guiding and Controlling Conveyor Belts", Automation, December 1972, pp. 56-59;

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If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned above is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications,

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